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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE FOR THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

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- 1. EMBASSY REITERATES PARAS 5-10 KUWAIT REFTEL.
- 2. THERE IS SIMPLY NO RPT. NO WAY, SHORT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION WHEREBY SPACE CAN BE FOUND IN THE CHANCERY TO ACCOMMODATE AN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND SECRETARY. ELSEWHERE ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND THE SAME SITUATION OBTAINS: WE FACE A REAL STRUGGLE ALREADY TO PROVIDE MINIMU FACILITIES TO OUR EXPANDING MILITARY LIAISON PERSONNEL. OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND, IF RENTING SEPARATE OFFICE SPACE AND HOUSING WERE CONTMEPLATED, THE COST WOULD BE EXORBITANT.
- 3. EVEN IF SPACE WERE READILY AVAILABLE, EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD ONLY MOST RELUCTANTLY AGREE TO INCREASED STAFF NOT CONTRIBUTING TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR PIMARY MISSIONS HERE. THE BURDEN ON ADMIN AND GSO OF SUPPORTING THE ADDITIONAL OFFICE AND HOUSING REQUIRMENT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, GIVEN THE PRESENT HEAVY LOAD THEY CARRY AND IN VIEW OF KNOWN, EARLY FUTURE INCREASES IN THAT LOAD.

4. WE HAVE SAID BEFORE AND WISH REITERATE THAT (A) KUWAIT'S COMMUNICATIONS AND AIRLINE CONNECTIONS DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO REGIONAL OPERATIONS; (B) WE DO NOT BELIEVE A RESIDENT AGATT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE SALES IN THIS AREA; AND (C) PERIODIC VISITS FROM WASHINGTON BY A KNOWLEDGEABLE AGATT ARE WELCOME AND SUFFICIENT. SUTHERLAND

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